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BLM TO OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR RESOURCES AND PEOPLE CAMP

The 16th Resources and People Camp is scheduled at Camp Esther Applegate at Lake of the Woods (between Medford and Klamath Falls) on June 17-23, 2007. The Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service co-sponsor this award-winning natural resource management program that involves students and educators in an outdoor setting. The agencies encourage both student and teacher participation, and the BLM's Roseburg District will again offer scholarships for Douglas County participants interested in attending.

This year, BLM will offer six \$150 scholarships for Douglas County high school students. This will cover all registration fees and expenses for the entire week at camp. Approximately 50 students and 12 teachers attend the camp. Teacher credit is available through Southern Oregon University.

The week will provide a great variety of training and activities for those interested in natural resource management. The program includes a night sky talk, hydrology, wildlife, fisheries, recreation, canoeing, fishing, fly-tying, weeds, rangeland resources, botany, fire ecology, wetlands, cultural diversity, a field trip to Crater Lake, BBQ at a ranch, cowboy poetry, history, mill tour, riparian, forest ecosystems, archeology, tribal programs, international forestry, nature crafts, Peace Corps, careers, land management planning, talent show, and farewell party.

Separate applications are available for students, educators, and counselors. Applicants from Douglas County should specify whether they wish to be considered for the BLM scholarships to attend. Further information and applications can be downloaded from the Internet at http://www.rapcamp.org

Please note that all completed student applications should be submitted by April 25, 2007. Educator applications are due by May 5, 2007. All applications should be sent to Shirley Kerns, Camp Director, Fremont-Winema National Forests, 2819 Dahlia, Klamath Falls, OR. 97601.

If you have questions about this year's Resources and People Camp, please do not hesitate to call Shirley Kerns at (541)883-6716. Shirley is most easily reached on Mondays and Tuesdays. She can also be emailed at: skerns@fs.fed.us

Local information and a day-by-day schedule of RAP Camp events can be obtained from Joe Ross at BLM's Roseburg District Office, 777 NW Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg or by calling (541)464-3248.

